Dr. A. R. Menon.—Every institution has room for expansion. This institution being in such a central place that it is a most suitable site, provided there is accommodation.

Mr. President.—I can assure the Hon'ble Member and this House that Government will give plenty of opportunities for expression of public opinion in case they propose to shift the hospital.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How long has this question been before the Government? Should not this question be settled soon as the amount has been ear-marked?

Mr. President.—So long as it has not been settled against the wishes of the Hon'ble Member, it does not matter whether it is settled or not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will it not lead to undue delay in the matter of necessary improvements to the hospital?

Mr. President.—There is difference of opinion on that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Till the difference of opinion is settled, there is no possibility of improving the two hospitals?

Mr. President.—As I said, if Government ultimately decide to shift the hospital from its present place, opportunities will be given to the public to express their opinion.

Grant-in-aid dispensary—putting up of—Kadangode Village.

406. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukkutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the distance between Vadakkancheri Dispensary and the Kunnamkulam Hospital;

(b) whether they can put up a grant-in-aid dispensary in Kadangode village of Talappalli Taluk?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Twelve miles.

(b) It is not possible to start a grant-in-aid dispensary there at present.

Encroachment of village grazing lands—policy of Government.

407. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—What is the policy of the Government in cases of encroachment of Village grazing

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lands—is it to eject these people totally or to lease to deserving persons small plots for purposes of habitation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Encroachments on Village grazing grounds are *prima facie* objectionable and are as a rule ordered to be removed.

The question of leasing any of these plots to deserving persons for habitation will be considered on the merits of each case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not these lands entirely set apart for cattle grazing?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes. They are set apart for grazing cattle.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there sufficient lands at present in each village?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot say whether each village has got a grazing ground.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are they sufficient for grazing cattle?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A general observation cannot be made. There are localities where they may be sufficient. There are localities where they are in excess of what is required.

Number of Patta holders in the State.

408. **Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Patta holders in the State?

Mr K. Achyuta Menon.—87,767.

Loan Department—working of.

409. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) how many cases were pending with the department when orders were passed to transfer Mr. P. Narayana Menon;

(b) how many cases had he finished and submitted for the orders of the Chief Loan Officer; (c) have loans been granted in all the cases recommended by him; (d) if not, how many are pending undisposed of; (e) why are they not disposed of as yet;

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